



## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Osamu Kato  
App. No. : 10/029,607  
Filed : December 20, 2001  
For : METALLIC PLATE MATERIAL FOR  
ELECTRIC/ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT  
AND ELECTRIC/ELECTRONIC  
INSTRUMENT USING SAME  
Examiner : Michael E. La Villa  
Group Art Unit : 1775

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing three (3) references that are also enclosed.

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